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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Fuel and Light Company,
as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Provide Natural Gas
Service in the Town of Easton, Marathon County, Wisconsin

6640-CG-100

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION, AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the July 18, 2000, application of Wisconsin Fuel and Light Company (WF&L), as a public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to provide natural gas utility service in the town of Easton, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

WF&L is a public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), with its principal office in Wausau, Wisconsin. WF&L engages in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the Manitowoc and Wausau areas. The company's authorized service areas in Marathon County include the towns of Texas, Wausau, Weston, Ringle and Norrie, all of which are contiguous to the town of Easton.

Presently, no utility has been authorized by the Commission to provide natural gas utility service in the town of Easton, Marathon County.

In its application, WF&L states that in 1999, service was provided to the New Hope Community Church (Church) located on the east side of CTH J in the Town of Easton. The service line was extended from an existing main located in the west right-of-way of CTH J in the town of Wausau. WF&L states that after the facilities, consisting of approximately \$800 of pipe and \$400 of metering equipment, were installed, it was determined that the customer is located in the town of Easton, which WF&L is not currently authorized to serve.

WF&L requests Commission authorization to continue to serve the Church, and for authorization to serve additional customers in the town of Easton under its extension rules. WF&L states that requests for service have been received from other potential customers in the area.

The Commission intends to consider the application without a hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses

incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom Reisdorf at (608) 267-1475.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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